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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 remain in this application. Claims 1-10 and 16-18 have been amended.

Applicant is appreciative of Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-19, 21 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by May; Claims 2-9, 11-19, 21 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over May; Claim 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over May in view of Shimamori; and Claim 26 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over May in view of Harris. Independent Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in order to distinctly and clearly point out the claimed invention. In view of the mentioned amendment and/or the following remarks, Applicant respectfully traverses all standing rejections.

The cited art references fail to disclose, teach or suggest a controller coupled with a power supply device and having an input for receiving a signal indicative of an operating condition for a communication loop and adapted to determine a minimum drive power for the communication loop responsive to receiving the operating condition thereof and cooperative with the power supply device for providing power to an associated line driver device for effectuating the minimum drive power (in combination with other claimed aspects), as recited in amended independent Claims 1 (similar language is included in amended independent Claim 10).

Claims 2-9 and 11-26 are dependent from amended Claims 1 and 10, which are believed to be patentable (for at least the above-stated reasons), and therefore are believed to be patentable as well in view of the cited references.

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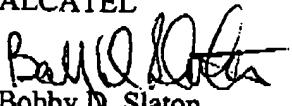
CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

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